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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: SHOWA CORPORATION )  
Serial Number: 10/636,080 )  
Filed: 08/07/03 )  
For: BOTTOM VALVE APPARATUS OF HYDRAULIC )  
SHOCK ABSORBER )  
Docket Number: 13547 )

**RESPONSE**  
**AND**  
**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF THE TERM**

Hon. Commissioner of  
Patents and Trademarks  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

December 3, 2004

Sir:

This communication is responsive to your Office Action dated August 3, 2004, having a shortened statutory period for reply that expired November 3, 2004. Accompanying this response is a request for a 1-month extension of the term up to and including December 3, 2004. Accordingly, this response is timely filed on December 3, 2004.

Please amend the application as follows:

**In the Specification:**

Please amend the specification as shown in the section entitled Specification Amendments. No new matter has been added.

**In the Claims:**

Please amend the claims as shown in the section entitled Claim Amendments.

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